AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An installation ~~Installation~~ for processing flat objects (10) conveyed consecutively and parallel to ~~the~~ a conveying direction, ~~which~~ said installation comprises a supply means, a removal means, and a processing drum (1), said processing drum being driven in rotation around an essentially horizontal axis (T), wherein the processing drum (1) is arranged between the supply means and the removal means ~~in~~ such ~~a way~~ that the objects are supplied by the supply means to an entry point (A) at ~~the~~ a periphery of the processing drum (1) and are removed from the periphery of the processing drum at an exit point (B) by the removal means, wherein the processing drum (1) comprises regularly alternating support elements (2) and tool elements (3) ~~which~~ that extend axially and whose radial position is adjustable, and wherein the processing drum further comprises a pressing belt (4) running on the periphery of the processing drum (1) between the entry point (A) and the exit point (B), ~~characterized in that~~ and wherein the pressing belt (4) is arranged by ~~means of~~ at least one of a last deflection roller (5), disposed before the entry point, or ~~and/or by means of~~ a first deflection roller (50), disposed after the exit point, to form one of at least a last part of the supply means ~~and/or~~or at least a first part of the removal means, upon which part the objects (10) are ~~able to~~

~~be~~ conveyed to the drum periphery or ~~and/or~~ away from the drum periphery, respectively, wherein said deflection rollers (5, 50) have a position ~~which~~ that is independent of the radial position of the support and tool elements and wherein further conveyor parts are arranged to adjoin said deflection rollers in a manner ~~which~~ that is independent of the radial position of the support and tool elements.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Installation~~ The installation according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the entry point (A) is situated in a lower area of the processing drum, and the exit point (B) is situated in an upper area of the processing drum (1), ~~that~~ the pressing belt (4) forms the last part of the supply means, and ~~that~~ the first part of the removal means is a pivoting ramp (43).

3. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the entry point (A) is situated in a lower area of the processing drum, and the exit point (B) is situated in an upper area of the processing drum (1), ~~that~~ the pressing belt (4) forms the last part of the supply means, and ~~that~~ wherein, for transferring the processed objects to the removal means, the downstream sides of the support elements (2) are designed to spread from the drum periphery at the exit point (B).

4. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the entry point (A) is situated in a lower area of the processing drum, and the exit point (B) is situated in an upper area of the periphery of the processing drum (1), ~~that~~ the pressing belt (4) forms the last part of the supply

means, ~~that~~ a further belt (43) is arranged to run between the periphery of the processing drum (1) and the pressing belt (4) and to run on the periphery of the processing drum (1) between the entry point (A) and the exit point (B), and ~~that~~ wherein the further belt (43) is arranged, by way of another first deflection roller (44), after the exit point to form the first part of the removal means.

5. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the entry point (A) is arranged in a lower area of the processing drum, and the exit point (B) in an upper area of the periphery of the processing drum (1), ~~that~~ the pressing belt (4) forms the last part of the supply means, ~~that~~ a further belt (43) is arranged to run between the periphery of the processing drum (1) and the pressing belt (4) and to run on the periphery of the processing drum (1) between the entry point (A) and the exit point (B), and ~~that~~ wherein the further belt (43) is arranged, by way of another last deflection roller (44), after the exit point to ~~forms~~ form the last part of the supply means.

6. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to ~~any one of claims 4 or 5, characterized in that~~ claim 4, wherein the further belt (43) consists of a plurality of pitched parallel strings.

7. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein the support elements (2) and the tool elements (3) are interconnected with a control means such that, by activating

the control means, all support elements (2) and/or all tool elements (3) are simultaneously displaced radially.

8. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the support elements (2) have an axial extension and comprise a variable width at right angles to their axial extension.

9. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein, for differing processes, the tool elements (3) are exchangeable.

10. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the installation also includes further ~~comprises~~ supply means (11, 12) to supply a web of an auxiliary material such that the auxiliary material and the objects move along the drum periphery together.

11. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tool elements (3) are equipped to at least ~~separate or~~ partly separate the auxiliary material between the objects.

12. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 10, wherein ~~or 11, characterized in that~~ the auxiliary material is a packing material (20)

and ~~that~~ the further supply means (11, 12) are designed ~~in~~ such ~~away~~ that the packing material (20) travels on both sides of the objects (10) on the processing drum (1).

13. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the packing material (20) is a weldable packaging foil and that the tool elements (3) comprise welding means.

14. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Installation~~ according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tool elements (3) comprise welding wires extending in the direction of an axis of the processing drum (1), said ~~which~~ welding wires protrude from the drum periphery defined by the support elements (2) and are essentially continuously heated and co-operate with a Teflon-coating on the pressing belt (4).

15. (Currently Amended) Use of the installation according to claim 1 ~~1 to 14~~ for packing printed products or small groups of printed products.

16. (New) The installation according to claim 5, wherein the further belt (43) consists of a plurality of pitched parallel strings.

17. (New) The installation according to claim 11, wherein the auxiliary material is a packing material (20) and the further supply means (11, 12) are

designed such that the packing material (20) travels on both sides of the objects (10) on the processing drum (1).

18. (New) The installation according to claim 17, wherein the packing material (20) is a weldable packaging foil and that the tool elements (3) comprise welding means.

19. (New) The installation according to claim 18, wherein the tool elements (3) comprise welding wires extending in the direction of an axis of the processing drum (1), said welding wires protrude from the drum periphery defined by the support elements (2) and are essentially continuously heated and co-operate with a Teflon-coating on the pressing belt (4).